

Claims

- [c1] 1. A method of enabling a user to have a custom desired experience while accessing electronic files using an application, said method comprising:
providing said user the ability to specify a first experience profile associated with a first electronic file and a second experience file associated with a second electronic file, said first experience profile being provided external to said first electronic file and said second experience profile being provided external to said second electronic file, said first experience profile containing a first set of values for a first set of experience attributes and said second experience profile containing a second set of values for a second set of experience attributes;
controlling said first set of experience attributes according to said first set of values while providing access to said first electronic file using said application; and
controlling said second set of experience attributes according to said second set of values while providing access to said second electronic file using said application.
- [c2] 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing said user the ability to specify said first expe-

rience profile associated with a third electronic file; and controlling said first set of experience attributes according to said first set of values while providing access to said third electronic file.

[c3] 3. The method of claim 2, further comprising changing said first experience profile to change the experience while accessing each of said first electronic file and said third electronic file, but not said second electronic file.

[c4] 4. The method of claim 3, wherein said first set of values is not the same as said second set of values and wherein said first set of experience attributes is not the same as said second set of experience attributes.

[c5] 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving an input to open said first electronic file;
providing access to said first electronic file while controlling said first of experience attributes according to said first set of values.

[c6] 6. method of claim 5, wherein said first of experience attributes comprises a shape of a cursor.

[c7] 7. The method of claim 5, wherein said first electronic file comprises a document which can be edited and wherein said first set of experience attributes comprises a music file, said method further comprising playing

music represented by said music file while providing access to said document.

[c8] 8. The method of claim 5, wherein said application is executed on a system supported by an operating system, wherein said application and said operating system respectively support an application default and an operating system default, wherein said first set of values override said application default and said operating system default if in conflict.

[c9] 9. The method of claim 5, wherein said providing comprises:
indicating a plurality of experience profiles available for association with electronic files, wherein said plurality of experience profiles comprising said first experience profile and said second experience profile; and
receiving a selection from said user, wherein said selection indicates that said first experience profile is to be associated with said first electronic file.

[c10] 10. A method of enabling a user to have a custom desired experience while accessing a first electronic file using a first application, said method comprising:
enabling said user to specify an experience attribute associated with said first application and a value for said experience attribute, wherein said attribute is provided

by a second application; and
causing said second application to control said experience attribute according to said value while said user accesses said first electronic file using said first application.

- [c11] 11. The method of claim 10, said first application comprises a word processing application and said first electronic file comprises a editable file, and wherein said second application is designed to play a song from a file, and said value comprises an identifier of said file.
- [c12] 12. The method of claim 11, wherein said user can specify a second experience attribute associated with first electronic file, wherein said second experience attribute controls a volume of said song.
- [c13] 13. method of claim 12, wherein said first experience attribute and said second experience attribute are specified in an experience profile associated with said first electronic file.
- [c14] 14. A computer readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions causing a digital processing system to enable a user to have a custom desired experience while accessing electronic files using an application, wherein execution of said one or more sequences

of instructions by one or more processors contained in said digital processing system causes said one or more processors to perform the actions of:

providing said user the ability to specify a first experience profile associated with a first electronic file and a second experience file associated with a second electronic file, said first experience profile being provided external to said first electronic file and said second experience profile being provided external to said second electronic file, said first experience profile containing a first set of values for a first set of experience attributes and said second experience profile containing a second set of values for a second set of experience attributes; controlling said first set of experience attributes according to said first set of values while providing access to said first electronic file using said application; and controlling said second set of experience attributes according to said second set of values while providing access to said second electronic file using said application.

- [c15] 15. The computer readable medium of claim 14, further comprising:
- providing said user the ability to specify said first experience profile associated with a third electronic file; and controlling said first set of experience attributes according to said first set of values while providing access to

said third electronic file.

[c16] 16. The computer readable medium of claim 15, further comprising changing said first experience profile to change the experience while accessing each of said first electronic file and said third electronic file, but not said second electronic file.

[c17] 17. The computer readable medium of claim 16, wherein said first set of values is not the same as said second set of values and wherein said first set of experience attributes is not the same as said second set of experience attributes.

[c18] 18. The computer readable medium of claim 14, further comprising:
receiving an input to open said first electronic file;
providing access to said first electronic file while controlling said first of experience attributes according to said first set of values.

[c19] 19. computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein said first of experience attributes comprises a shape of a cursor.

[c20] 20. The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein said first electronic file comprises a document which can be edited and wherein said first set of experience at-

tributes comprises a music file, said computer readable medium further comprising playing music represented by said music file while providing access to said document.

[c21] 21. The computer readable medium of claim 20, wherein said application is executed on a system supported by an operating system, wherein said application and said operating system respectively support an application default and an operating system default, wherein said first set of values override said application default and said operating system default if in conflict.

[c22] 22. The computer readable medium of claim 18, wherein said providing comprises:
indicating a plurality of experience profiles available for association with electronic files, wherein said plurality of experience profiles comprising said first experience profile and said second experience profile; and
receiving a selection from said user, wherein said selection indicates that said first experience profile is to be associated with said first electronic file.

[c23] 23. A computer readable medium carrying one or more sequences of instructions causing a digital processing system to enable a user to have a custom desired experience while accessing a first electronic file using a first

application, said computer readable medium comprising: enabling said user to specify an experience attribute associated with said first application and a value for said experience attribute, wherein said attribute is controlled by a second application; and causing said second application to control said experience attribute according to said value while said user accesses said first electronic file using said first application.

[c24] 24. The computer readable medium of claim 23, said first application comprises a word processing application and said first electronic file comprises an editable file, and wherein said second application is designed to play a song from a file, and said value comprises an identifier of said file.

[c25] 25. The computer readable medium of claim 24, wherein said user can specify a second experience attribute associated with first electronic file, wherein said second experience attribute controls a volume of said song.

[c26] 26. computer readable medium of claim 25, wherein said first experience attribute and said second experience attribute are specified in an experience profile associated with said first electronic file.